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Maysville Man Brings Suit Against New Bern Firm Seeking \$200,000

William D. Metts of Maysville this week filed suit in Jones County Superior Court in which he asks \$200,000 punitive damages from Richard E. Whitfield and Davids, Inc. of New Bern for injuries he suffered in an accident last November 5th in Maysville.

Metts also seeks to recover \$1200 for damages to his car in addition to the \$200,000 for personal injuries.

He says that a vehicle owned by Davids, Inc., and driven by Whitfield struck his car at the intersection of US 17 and Fifth Street in Maysville, causing him to suffer serious and permanent injuries and he alleges that the fault was that of Whitfield.

The complaint filed by Metts alleges that the rear of his car was struck by the vehicle driven by Whitfield, after his car had gotten nearly all the way through the intersection.

February Sees 28 Accidents in Kinston

Traffic Department Captain Glasco Evans reports the investigation of 28 accidents in Kinston during the 29 days of February.

The investigations resulted in 27 indictments and estimates made of damages totalling \$12,880. In the accidents 10 persons were injured.

Twenty of the accidents were two-car crashes, three involved three cars, two were car-bicycle tangles, five involved only one car and four parked cars were hit.

Jones County Family Being Sued to Collect \$441 Undertaker's Bill

A suit was filed in Jones County Superior Court this week by the Professional Discount Corporation of Spartanburg, S. C. against Jim Metts, Charlotte Scott MacArthur, W. J. Metts, Mrs. George Mercer and Joseph Metts.

The complaint alleges that all of the defendants signed "under seal as security a single payment note, in favor of Howard and Carter Funeral Home of Kinston, in the amount of \$441, payable November 15, 1962 with five per cent interest" to pay the funeral expenses of Claudia W. Metts.

The complaint alleges further that the Kinston company sold the note to the Professional Discount Corporation on November 8, 1963.

The suit seeks to collect the full amount of the note with interest from the date of its execution from either or all of the co-signers of the note.

SATURDAY WRECK

Milton Potter of Grifton was charged with drunken and reckless driving after his car crashed head on into that of William Earl Dail last Saturday morning near the intersection of Queens Road and Queen Street. Leon Underwood, riding in the Potter car, suffered painful but not serious injuries and damage to the cars was estimated

Annual Study Course Held by Trenton PTA

The Trenton School Parent Teacher Association held its annual Study Course in Trenton School last Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 P. M.

The regular meeting of the PTA was held at 8 p. m. with Mrs. May Eubanks acting chairman presiding.

Amos Taylor, chairman of the Special Committee on Community Activities reported that the group had met and decided to work on a project of a community swimming pool. He invited every interested person to meet with the committee March 10 in the Trenton School to formulate plans and to get started on the project.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the incoming year: President, Mrs. May Eubanks; Vice President, Lawrence Pollock; Secretary, Mrs. Clarice Pollock; Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Mercer.

Miss Tiny Hammond's first grade won the attendance award with 64 per cent parents present.

After the business session the chairman introduced the speaker for the evening, Jack Rider, Editor of The Jones Journal.

NOT GUILTY

Puycar Cobb Jr. of Kinston route 6 was tried in Recorder's Court last week on a second drunken driving charge, but he was found not guilty by Judge Buck Wooten.

Kinston Police Chief Relieved of Command

Tuesday morning Kinston City Manager Jim Blue announced that Police Chief Fred Boyd had been relieved of his command effective 9 a. m. and that Assistant Chief Major Fred Bates, had been named to serve as acting chief, pending permanent filling of the post.

Boyd, a 17-year veteran with the department, had been chief for nearly four years, replacing Retired Chief Marion Haskins. He headed the identification bureau of the department prior to his promotion to head of the department.

Manager Blue made no comment beyond the brief statement that he was relieving Boyd of command and naming Bates acting chief.

Bates is also a veteran with the department, having served for 19 years, a large part of which was as head of the traffic department. He was named assistant chief on the retirement of B. W. "Red" Dail some over two years ago.

TWO ACCUSED

Last week Emmanuel Farmer of 704 South East Street and Walter Jones of 136 Broadway were charged with assault with a deadly weapon and armed robbery in warrants signed by Mitchell Spell of 211 Detroit Street.

Judge Throws Out Murder Charge in Last Week's Court

A knife slaying in a Maysville juke joint last summer was declared to be justifiable homicide by Judge W. J. Bundy last Tuesday in Jones County Superior Court.

The charge of murder was against Robert Jethro Hill, who decided to let the judge hear the charge rather than to take it to a jury. After hearing the evidence Judge Bundy ruled that Hill was acting in self defense.

Other cases cleared as the court was adjourned on Tuesday included a jury verdict of not guilty for John Pinkney Eubanks, who was accused of drunken driving and a not guilty verdict on a non-support charge against James Allen Turnage.

Opposition Appears to Jones-Craven-Lenoir Drainage District

In recent weeks considerable opposition has developed to the Moseley Creek-Tracey Swamp Watershed Drainage District, which includes more than 30,000 acres of land in Jones, Craven and Lenoir counties.

Efforts to organize the district have been moving slowly, but steadily along for nearly three years and until recently there had been no open opposition to the project.

But with the filing of formal papers of incorporation and with the grants already approved at the Washington level several large landowners in the watershed have retained counsel and have given notice of their intention to use every legal device in killing off the project.

Principal among these landowners objecting are the Weyerhaeuser Paper Company, which owns about 6,000 acres of pulpwood land in the project area and Odell Goodman and Hobson White, whose lands include both timber and farm lands.

Those who have exerted the most effort toward getting the organization set up say that these major landowners should have informed themselves better.

Those who are objecting say they do not want a perpetual tax levied against their lands to maintain a drainage district, nor do they want to pay what they feel are excessively high initial costs for the project. And they also assert that there are better and more economical methods under which the drainage could be accomplished without encumbering all the land in the project area with the perpetual responsibility of maintenance.

Undoubtedly the hassle will wind up in the courts before any dirt is moved.

THURSDAY COURT NOTES

On Thursday Recorder Buck Wooten fined William Stillely of 108 West Vernon \$25 for carrying a concealed weapon, Jasper Gates of Kinston route 2 \$25 for reckless driving, Wilson Conway of Camp Lejeune \$50 for two charges of driving without a license and Martin Van Buren Parker of 1506 Shine Street \$100 for drunken driving. Parker appealed to superior court.

Three Trenton Youths Bound Over on Charge Of Rape by Judge Noble

Free Testing For Bangs and TB Among Jones County Herds

Jones County cattle owners can get their cattle tested free of charge during the next 10 days to 2 weeks, while State and Federal Veterinarians will be testing Jones County cattle for Bangs disease and Tuberculosis, according to Farm Agent J. R. Franck.

Franck says all cattle in the County won't be tested but that a minimum of 659 cattle must be tested for T. B. and at least 56 herds must be tested for Bangs Disease.

"Since both of these diseases are communicable to man, I feel that all herds should be tested regularly," Franck added.

Anyone owning cattle in Jones County and who wants them tested should notify Franck immediately.

In a preliminary hearing Saturday before Recorder's Court Judge Nick Noble three young Trenton negroes were bound over to the next term of superior court under \$2500 bond each on the capital charge of rape.

The charge was brought by Edna Earl Jennings of the Mallardtown Section, who told the court that the three attacked and criminally assaulted her near Jones County High School after a basketball game last Friday night.

The three accused are John Wesley Brown, Quincy McDaniel, and Wilbert Green.

Other actions of the court in the past week included the following cases, which were cleared either by submission to Clerk Walter Henderson or by trial before Judge Noble:

Carl Wilson Shivar of Trenton route 2 and William A. La Fountain of Cherry Point were each fined \$10 for speeding. W. A. Murphy of Pollocksville was found not guilty of speeding and Horace C. Morris of Stella asked for a jury trial on a speeding charge and has his case sent forward to superior court.

Allen Brinson Meadows of Maysville paid the costs for improperly loading a truck, Kenneth Dillahunt of Maysville paid the costs for not having 1964 license plates, Acie Hall Flowers of Pink Hill route 1 paid the costs for making an improper turn, Abner Lee Moore of New Bern route 3 paid the costs for driving an improperly equipped vehicle and Ernest Overlette, whose address was not listed, was found not guilty of driving without a license.

Two Jones Arrests

The office of Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports two arrests in the past week; those of William Roberts of Pollocksville, who is accused of simple assault, and David Ward Jr. of Maysville, who is charged with being publicly drunk and resisting arrest.

FRIDAY WRECK

Millard Filmore Gooding of Winterville route 1 was charged with reckless driving last week when his car hit that of Arthur Thompson of Dover at the corner of Bright and McDaniel streets. Damage to the two cars was estimated at \$550.

House-to-House Canvas Planned in Jones for Easter Seal Society

The Jones County Easter Seal Society will have a house-to-house canvass this year instead of mailing appeal letters containing Easter Seals.

Sixty per cent of the funds collected are used in Jones County.

Children of adults who are crippled from arthritis, cerebral palsy, poliomyelitis, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, spastic paralysis or other crippling diseases are helped through this Society.

The purpose of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children is "to engage in activities to improve the health, welfare, education, rehabilitation, employment and recreation facilities and opportunities for crippled children and adults of the state, regardless of race, creed or color."

The Easter Seal Gift provides these services: Braces, wheel

chairs and other appliances; transportation to clinics, hospitals and centers; hospitalization for corrective procedures; physical, speech and hearing therapy; treatment and training; special equipment; education; camping; research and many other services.

Mrs. James C. Hill of Trenton is County Chairman and Mrs. Fred Foscoe of Trenton is Treasurer.

Mrs. Hubert Nicholson, Mrs. Harold Lee Smith, Mrs. Wilmer Mallard, Mrs. Ray Harrison, Mrs. R. B. Killingsworth, Mr. W. L. Smith Jr., W. D. Parker, members of the Trenton Woman's Club and others are soliciting for the Jones County East Seal Society during the month of March.

Checks may be written to Jones County Easter Seal Society. If one prefers to mail his check, send it to Mrs. Fred Foscoe, Trenton.